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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Establishment of a Joint Department of
Defense/CIA Logistics Task Force

1. Under current national policy the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency have the responsibility for the conduct of unconventional warfare. The Command Relationships Agreement has further outlined this Agency's function in the unconventional warfare field.

2. This Agency has reviewed its wartime logistical mission and it is apparent that there are many areas and tasks which require joint discussion and resolution. A need exists for a more complete understanding of the logistic support roles of the Department of Defense and the CIA. In order to insure refinement and complete understanding in the assumption of responsibilities, it is recommended that a joint Department of Defense/CIA Logistics Task Force be established to accomplish the following objectives:

a. To make recommendations concerning the exact responsibilities of the Department of Defense and CIA in the provision of the necessary logistic support for wartime unconventional warfare activities.

b. To make recommendations concerning the implementation of the jointly-agreed logistic support and guidance necessary to generate logistic requirements from the JCS Field Commanders to support wartime activities.

c. To make recommendations concerning the current status of unconventional warfare logistics planning and stockpiling objectives.

/s/

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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